BEFORE THE ALABAMA STATE PERSONNEL BOARD IN THE MATTER OF

KATY ABNER,)	
)	
Appellant,)	
)	
v.)	CASE NO. 20-14-RCS
)	
ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF)	
ENVIRONMENTAL)	
MANAGEMENT,)	
)	
Appellee.)	

RECOMMENDATION TO THE STATE PERSONNEL BOARD

On March 20, 2020, Appellant filed an employee dismissal appeal. Appellant was sent a letter on March 24, 2020 stating the date, time and location for a prehearing conference.

On April 1, 2020, the prehearing conference was held. Appellant was represented by Jason Manasco, Esq. The hearing was set for May 18, 2020. Due to COVID-19 policies implemented statewide, the hearing was continued. On May 20, 2020, Counsel for Appellant filed a Motion to Withdraw and a Request to Continue to allow Appellant to obtain other counsel. On May 22, 2020, the parties had a status conference by phone and Manasco's Motion to Withdraw was granted. The undersigned's office made numerous attempts to contact Appellant after her

attorney's withdrawal. On May 29, 2020, Appellant was Ordered to notify the undersigned, in writing, by Friday, June 12, 2020, of her intent to pursue her appeal. The Order stated, "Failure to comply with this Order will result in this case being recommended for dismissal." Appellant failed to respond to the Order.

Wherefore premises considered, it is the recommendation of the undersigned that the appeal should be DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.

Done, this 15th day of June, 2020.

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